

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Eleanor Ray Brown Williams of Dayton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Eleanor Ray Brown Williams of Dayton; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Pikeville on October 6, 1922, Eleanor Ray Williams graduated from Bledsoe County High School, Abels Business College, and Bryan College before earning her master's degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a long-time educator, she taught at Dayton City School and served in the Rhea County School Administration in many capacities, including Director of Schools; and

WHEREAS, her advocacy on behalf of education continued in her founding of the Rhea County Literacy Council, as well as an annual scholarship for Rhea County High School seniors; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the community for many years, she volunteered her time and talents to various organizations, such as Delta Kappa Gamma, the Tennessee Education Association, National Education Association, Dayton Saddle Club, Red Hatters, and Business and Professional Women's Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Dayton for more than seventy years, and she demonstrated her commitment to Christian charity through her support of the Special Olympics and the Womens Care Center in Dayton; and

WHEREAS, a devoted daughter, wife, and mother, she was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Ruth White Hutcheson; her husband, Jack Williams; and her daughter, Patricia Gonzalez; and

WHEREAS, her memory will forever be cherished by her sons, Jack Brown and his wife, Ursula, David Brown and his wife, Sue, and Don Brown and his wife, Vivian; her sister, Nancy Dennis; her brother, Mike Hutcheson; her seven grandchildren; her fourteen great-grandchildren; her stepson, Jack Williams; and her stepdaughter, Mary Morris; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Ray Williams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Eleanor Ray Brown Williams, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.